
INTRODUCED BY MR. KUCK,

(By request,)

JANUARY 24, 1913.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AND DENTAL LAWS.



AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, OSTEOPATHY, AND OTHER SYSTEMS OR MODES OF TREATING THE SICK OR AFFLICTED, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN THE MATTER OF SAID REGULATION," APPROVED MARCH 14, 1907; AMENDED MARCH 19, 1909; AMENDED MAY 1, 1911.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of an act entitled "An act for the
2 regulation of the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathy,
3 and other systems or modes of treating the sick or afflicted, in
4 the State of California, and for the appointment of a board of
5 medical examiners in the matter of said regulation," is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 6. Three forms of certificates shall be issued by said
8 board under the seal thereof and signed by the president and
9 the secretary: first, a certificate authorizing the holder thereof
10 to practice medicine and surgery; second, a certificate author-
11 izing the holder thereof to practice osteopathy; third, a certifi-
12 cate authorizing the holder thereof to practice any other sys-
13 tem or mode of treating the sick or afflicted not referred to in
14 this section. In order to procure a certificate to practice medi-

1 cine and surgery, the applicant for such certificate must file
2 with said board at least two weeks prior to a regular meeting
3 thereof, satisfactory testimonials of good moral character, and
4 a diploma issued by some legally chartered medical school, the
5 requirements of which shall have been at the time of granting
6 such diploma in no particular less than those prescribed by the
7 association of American medical colleges for that year, or
8 satisfactory evidence of having possessed such diploma, and he
9 must also file with said diploma an application sworn to before
10 some person authorized to administer oaths, and attested by the
11 hand and seal of such officer, if he have a seal, stating that he
12 is the person named in said diploma, that he is the lawful holder
13 thereof, and that the same was procured in the regular course
14 of instruction and examination, without fraud or misrepresentation.
15 The said application shall be made upon a blank furnished by said board, and it shall contain such information concerning the medical instruction and the preliminary education of the applicant as said board may by rule provide. Applicants who have failed to meet the above requirements must be
16 rejected. Applicants for a certificate to practice osteopathy shall
17 be subject to the above regulation, except that in place of the
18 diploma hereinbefore referred to, they shall be required to file
19 a diploma from a legally chartered college of osteopathy, having
20 a course of instruction of at least twenty months, requiring actual attendance, and after 1908, of three years of nine months
21 each, and including the studies examined upon under this act.
22 Applicants for a certificate to practice any other system or mode
23 of treatment not in this act referred to, shall be subject to the
24 above regulations, except that in place of the diplomas hereinbefore referred to, they shall be required to file a diploma from
25 a legally chartered college of the system or mode of treatment
26 which the applicant claims or intends to follow; *provided, however,* that the state board of medical examiners may issue a certificate to any person who has practiced a special branch of
27 medicine and surgery, at the time this act goes into effect, for
28 a period of not less than thirty-five years, fifteen years of which
29 time shall have been within the State of California; an appli-

1 cant to practice a special branch of medicine and surgery must
2 file an affidavit with the board of medical examiners, sworn to
3 before some person authorized to take and administer an oath
4 and attested by the hand and seal of such person, stating that
5 he has successfully and effectively practiced the special branch
6 of medicine and surgery for the term of years as hereinbefore
7 mentioned; and such applicant to practice a special branch of
8 medicine and surgery, shall not be required to file a diploma,
9 as hereinbefore referred to, but such applicant may be
10 required to take an examination, which shall be practical in
11 character and shall consist of a practical demonstration in the
12 special branch of medicine and surgery set forth in the affidavit
13 of such applicant; and such practical demonstration shall be for
14 the purpose of ascertaining an applicant's fitness to practice
15 the special branch of medicine and surgery set forth in the
16 affidavit of the applicant; and in addition thereto, such appli-
17 cant may be required to produce testimony to the effect that he
18 has successfully and effectively practiced the special branch of
19 medicine and surgery as set forth in the affidavit hereinabove
20 referred to; and if after such practical demonstration an appli-
21 cant shall qualify, by effecting a cure, the state board of medi-
22 cal examiners shall issue a certificate to such applicant to prac-
23 tice the special branch of medicine and surgery set forth in the
24 affidavit of such applicant.